(e) and (f) The Government propose to continue its efforts to sustain the increase in production as well as export of agriculture commodities.

Statement

Foodgrains production during 1993-94

AS ON 13-06-1994

(In '000' Tonnes)

State/U.T.	PRODUCTION (LIKELY)
Andhra Pradesh	11618
Assam	3533
Bihar	12451
Gujarat	3675
Haryana	10551
Himachal Pradesh	1340
Jammu & Kashmir	1621
Karnataka	8028
Kerala	1109
Madhya Pradesh	17847
Maharashtra	13574
Orissa	8392
Punjab	19987
Rajasthan	8548
Tamil Nadu	8351
Uttar Pradesh	36533
West Bengal	12737
Others	1983
ALL INDIA:	182043

Objectives of National Bureau of Fish Genetic resources

536. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) Allahabad, U.P. and the grounds which were identified for setting up the Bureau;

(b) whether Government have achieved the main objective for which NBFGR was set up ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR) (a) The main objectives of National

Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), earlier at Allahabad and now at Lucknow, U.P. are collection, classification and evaluation of fish genetic resources; cataloguing of genotypes; maintenance and preser - vation of fish genetic material; conservation of endangered fish species and monitoring the introduction of exotic fish species.

The Bureau was set up to achieve the above objectives.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources

537. SHRI LAKHIRAM AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) when was the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's Institute 'National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources' (NBFGR) opened at Allahabad and when was the Institute started to search land for erection of its infrastructure ;

(b) how much expenditure has been incurred by NBFGR towards Land Selecting Committee, Soil Test and Vehicles ;

(c) whether it is a fact that land with less seepage was selected by the said Committee ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that seepage rates of selected land at Allahabad and Lucknow were 12 cm and 25 cm respectively ; and

(e) if so, the circumstances under which 'NBFGR' has been shifted recently (June, 1994) to Lucknow to igher seepage land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The NBFGR was established in December, 1983. Allahabad Development Authority allotted the land in 1987 which was found to be unsuitable and thereafter the search for land in Uttar Pradesh for erection of its infrastructure started.

(b) The expenditure incurred amounted to approximately Rs. 20,000/- for land Selection Committee, approximately Rs. 62,800/- for soil testing and approximately Rs. 44,200/- for the vehicles.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The seepage rate at Allahabad as 15.5 cm/day as observed in winter (December, 1992) whereas it was about 24.9 cm/day at Lucknow in summer (June, 1991).

(e) Whereas the seepage rates at the sites near Allahabad and in Lucknow are comparable, the site at Lucknow is the most suitable organisationally and technically.

Drought in Gujarat

538. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Saurashtra and Kutch Region in Gujarat State are affected by severe drought during this year and the people of this areas are facing acute shortage of essential commodities during these days; and

(b) if so, the immediate steps taken by Government alongwith the special assistance provided by Government to the State to save the people from starvation ?